

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated in the marked-up version of the listing of claims presented below. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application.

1. (Cancelled).
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Currently amended) A coder assembly for printing on containers or on labels that can be applied to containers, the coder assembly comprising:
 - a base;
 - a support member pivotably coupled to the base and cantilevered from the base;
 - a coder supported by the support member and movable with the support member relative to the base; and
 - an adjustment mechanism coupled between the coder and the support member and configured to adjust the position of the coder with respect to the base and the support member;wherein the adjustment mechanism is operable to move the coder along at least one of a substantially horizontal axis and a substantially vertical axis without using tools.
4. (Previously presented) The coder assembly of claim 3, wherein the adjustment mechanism is operable to permit rotation of the coder about a substantially vertical axis.
5. (Cancelled).
6. (Previously presented) The coder assembly of claim 3, wherein the coder assembly is adapted to be used with a bottling machine, the bottling machine defining a machine surface, and wherein the base is supported on the machine surface.

7. (Previously presented) The coder assembly of claim 6, wherein the support member is spaced from the machine surface such that no portion of the support member or the coder is in contact with the machine surface.

8. (Previously presented) The coder assembly of claim 3, further comprising a latch mechanism selectively locking the support member to the base so that the support member is substantially immovable with respect to the base.

9. (Original) The coder assembly of claim 8, wherein the latch mechanism is operable to selectively lock and unlock the support member without using tools.

10. (Previously presented) The coder assembly of claim 3, further comprising a plurality of abutment members between the support member and the base, wherein the abutment members are configured to limit the spacing between the support member and the base.

11. (Original) The coder assembly of claim 10, wherein the plurality of abutment members are carried on a turret, and wherein the turret is adjustable to selectively position any one of the plurality of abutment members between the support member and the base.

12. (Original) The coder assembly of claim 10, wherein the plurality of abutment members comprise a plurality of set screws.

13. (Original) The coder assembly of claim 10, wherein a first abutment member spaces the support member from the base in a first operating position, and wherein a second abutment member spaces the support member from the base in a second operating position.

14. (Previously presented) The coder assembly of claim 3, wherein the coder is supported by the support member in a substantially upright orientation.

15. (Previously presented) The coder assembly of claim 3, wherein the coder is a laser coder.

16. (Previously presented) The coder assembly of claim 3, wherein the support member is movable between a first operative position with respect to the base and a second operative position with respect to the base.

17. (Currently amended) A coder assembly for printing on containers or on labels that can be applied to containers, the coder assembly comprising:

a base;

a support member movably coupled to the base;

a coder supported by the support member and movable with the support member relative to the base; and

a plurality of abutment members between the support member and the base, wherein the abutment members are configured to limit the spacing between the support member and the base;

wherein a first abutment member having a first length spaces the support member from the base in a first operating position, and wherein a second abutment member having a second length spaces the support member from the base in a second operating position.

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Previously presented) The coder assembly of claim 17, wherein the support member is pivotally coupled to the base.

20. (Previously presented) The coder assembly of claim 17, further comprising a latch mechanism selectively locking the support member to the base so that the support member is substantially immovable with respect to the base.

21. (Original) The coder assembly of claim 20, wherein the latch mechanism is operable to selectively lock and unlock the support member without using tools.

22. (Cancelled).

23. (Previously presented) The coder assembly of claim 17, wherein the plurality of abutment members are carried on a turret, and wherein the turret is adjustable to selectively position any one of the plurality of abutment members between the support member and the base.

24. (Previously presented) The coder assembly of claim 17, wherein the plurality of abutment members comprise a plurality of set screws.

25. (Cancelled).

26. (Original) The coder assembly of claim 17, further comprising an adjustment mechanism coupled between the coder and the support member and configured to adjust the position of the coder with respect to the base.

27. (Original) The coder assembly of claim 26, wherein the adjustment mechanism is operable to move the coder along a substantially horizontal axis and along a substantially vertical axis without using tools.

28. (Original) The coder assembly of claim 26, wherein the adjustment mechanism is operable to permit rotation of the coder about a substantially vertical axis.

29. (Previously presented) The coder assembly of claim 17, wherein the coder is supported by the support member in a substantially upright orientation.

30. (Original) The coder assembly of claim 17, wherein the coder is a laser coder.

31-40. (Cancelled).

41. (Previously presented) A coder assembly for printing on containers or on labels that can be applied to containers, the coder assembly comprising:

a base;

a support member movably coupled to the base;

a coder supported by the support member and movable with the support member relative to the base; and

a plurality of abutment members between the support member and the base, wherein the abutment members are configured to limit the spacing between the support member and the base;

wherein the plurality of abutment members are carried on a turret, and wherein the turret is adjustable to selectively position any one of the plurality of abutment members between the support member and the base.

42. (Previously presented) A coder assembly for printing on containers or on labels that can be applied to containers, the coder assembly comprising:

a base having a bottom surface supported by a machine surface;

a coder;

a support member configured to support the coder, the support member cantilevered from the base and spaced from the machine surface such that no portion of the support member or the coder is in contact with the machine surface; and

a plurality of abutment members between the support member and the base, wherein the abutment members are configured to limit the spacing between the support member and the base;

wherein the plurality of abutment members are carried on a turret, and wherein the turret is adjustable to selectively position any one of the plurality of abutment members between the support member and the base.

43. (Previously presented) The coder assembly of claim 3, wherein the adjustment mechanism is operable to move the coder along the substantially horizontal axis and the substantially vertical axis without using tools.

44. (Previously presented) The coder assembly of claim 17, wherein the base has a bottom surface supported by a machine surface, and wherein the support member is cantilevered from the base and spaced from the machine surface such that no portion of the support member or the coder is in contact with the machine surface.